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AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 9-23r of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (e) If an individual described in subsection (a) of this section does
5 not submit the identification described in subsection (a) of this section
6 as part of the individual's application for admission as an elector, and
7 if the individual votes by absentee ballot in an election for federal
8 office, the individual shall enclose in the outer absentee ballot
9 envelope, and not in the inner envelope with the ballot: (1) A copy of a
10 current and valid photo identification, or (2) a copy of a current utility
11 bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other
12 government document that shows the name and address of the voter.
13 If an individual does not meet the requirements of this subsection in an
14 election for federal office, such individual's absentee ballot shall be
15 processed in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of

16 subsection (d) of section 9-150a, as amended by this act, and treated as
17 a provisional ballot [for federal office only,] pursuant to sections 9-232i
18 to 9-232o, inclusive, as amended by this act.

19 Sec. 2. Section 9-35c of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9-238, 9-406 and 9-436,
22 as amended by this act, and other provisions of the general statutes,
23 the names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under
24 section 9-35 shall not be counted for purposes of computing the
25 number of [voting machines required and the number of] petition
26 signatures required. Each elector on such inactive registry list who, in
27 the determination of the registrars, has signed a petition pursuant to
28 the general statutes, giving the same address as appears on the inactive
29 registry list, shall forthwith be placed on the active registry list
30 compiled under said section 9-35. Each such elector shall be counted
31 for purposes of future computations of the number of [voting
32 machines required and the number of] signatures required on future
33 petitions issued for other electoral events. The names of electors on the
34 inactive registry list compiled pursuant to section 9-35 shall not be
35 counted for purposes of computing the minimum percentage of the
36 number of electors required in any charter or special act, if such charter
37 or special act requires approval of a referendum by a minimum
38 percentage of electors qualified on the last-completed registry list or
39 has a similar requirement.

40 Sec. 3. Section 9-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the
41 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

42 The list for which provision is made in section 9-35 shall be termed
43 the preliminary registry list and such list shall be [completed, certified
44 by such registrars and deposited in the town clerk's office, at least
45 thirty-one days before the regular election, and shall be on file in such
46 office] available in the office of the registrars of voters for public
47 inspection [until the next preliminary registry list has been completed

48 and filed. In each municipality having a population of more than five
49 thousand, a certified copy of such preliminary registry list for each
50 voting district therein shall be completed, reproduced, certified by the
51 registrars and posted in such municipality for public inspection on or
52 before the Saturday of the fifth week before each regular election,] and
53 copies shall be made available for distribution by the registrars of
54 voters. Whenever the registrars of voters are not in their office, such
55 list shall be placed outside of the office for public inspection. The
56 registrars of voters shall, upon request, give to [a] any candidate for
57 election [to the General Assembly] a copy of the preliminary registry
58 list for each voting district [included in the General Assembly district]
59 for which such person is a candidate.

60 Sec. 4. Section 9-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the
61 following is substituted in lieu there of (*Effective from passage*):

62 [Each registrar shall keep a copy of the preliminary registry list for
63 his use in revision. Such registrars shall give notice in such list of the
64 times and places at which they will hold one or more sessions during
65 the period between the Saturday of the fifth week before the regular
66 election and the Saturday of the fourth week before the regular
67 election, for the revision and correction of such list which, when
68 completed, shall be termed the "final registry list" for such election. In
69 each municipality having a population of more than five thousand,
70 they shall also give notice of such times and places by publication in a
71 newspaper circulating in such municipality and by posting the same
72 on the signpost therein, if any, and at the office of the town clerk at
73 least five days before the first of such sessions. The number of sessions
74 shall be fixed by the registrars of each municipality. The registrars
75 shall also hold sessions, of which no public notice need be given, for
76 the purpose of correcting such preliminary list, and for the purpose of
77 adding to such list the names of persons entitled to be registered
78 thereon, on each day they are in session for the admission of electors
79 pursuant to section 9-17, and they may also hold sessions for revision
80 and correction of the registry list on any other day, except during the

81 period of six days preceding any regular election. On the fourteenth
82 day before a primary, the registrars shall hold an additional session to
83 hear such requests for adding names to the registry list, in accordance
84 with the procedure provided in this section, and the registrars shall
85 publish notice of such sessions in a newspaper having general
86 circulation in such municipality at least five days before such sessions.
87 Nothing in this section shall require that such publication be in the
88 form of a legal advertisement.] The registrars of voters shall be
89 available before all elections for revisions and corrections of the
90 preliminary list which, when completed, shall be termed "the final
91 registry list" for such election. In each municipality, availability of the
92 registrars of voters shall be the posted office hours in such
93 municipality for the registrars of voters.

94 Sec. 5. Section 9-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
95 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

96 The registrars of voters in all towns shall [, on the second Friday
97 preceding a regular election, deposit in the town clerk's office the final
98 registry list arranged as provided in section 9-35 and certified by them
99 to be correct, and shall retain a sufficient number of copies to be used
100 by them at such election for the purpose of checking the names of
101 those who vote. They shall place on such final list, in the order
102 provided in section 9-35, the names of all persons who have been
103 admitted as electors. In each municipality said registrars shall also
104 cause to be prepared and printed and deposited in the town clerk's
105 office a supplementary or updated list containing the names and
106 addresses of electors to be transferred, restored or added to such list
107 prior to the fourth day before such election, provided in municipalities
108 having a population of less than twenty-five thousand, such additional
109 names may be inserted in writing in such final list. Such final registry
110 list and supplementary or updated list deposited in the town clerk's
111 office shall be on file in such office for public inspection for a period of
112 two years, and any elector may make copies thereof] produce a final
113 registry list arranged in accordance with the provisions of section 9-35

114 and certified by such registrars of voters to be correct. Such final
115 registry list and a supplementary or updated list that contains the
116 names and addresses of electors to be transferred, restored or added to
117 such list, shall be on file in the municipal clerk's office not later than
118 the day before election day and shall be available in the registrars of
119 voters' office for public inspection. Whenever the registrars of voters
120 are not in their office, such list shall be placed outside of the office for
121 public inspection.

122 Sec. 6. Section 9-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
123 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

124 The registrars of voters of each municipality shall print copies of the
125 final registry list for distribution in such municipality and in all the
126 voting districts located therein. [, provided nothing in sections 9-12 to
127 9-45, inclusive, shall require the printing of more than one final
128 registry list for any voting district in any one year. With each printing
129 such registrars shall retain at least two copies of such lists and such
130 copies shall be available for public use in the office of the registrars for
131 a period of two years.] The registrars shall, upon request, give to [a]
132 any candidate for election [to the General Assembly] a copy of the final
133 registry list for each voting district [included in the General Assembly
134 district] for which such person is a candidate and shall maintain such
135 list, either on paper or in electronic format, for a period of two years.

136 Sec. 7. Section 9-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the
137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

138 (a) If it appears at any time that the name of an elector who was
139 formerly admitted or registered as an elector in a town and who is a
140 bona fide resident of such town has been omitted from the active
141 registry list compiled under section 9-35 by clerical error, the registrars
142 of voters shall add such name to such list; provided no name shall be
143 added to the active registry list on election day [, under the authority
144 conferred by this section,] without the consent of both registrars of
145 voters.

146 (b) If it appears at any time that the name of an elector who was
147 formerly admitted or registered as an elector in a town and who is a
148 bona fide resident of such town has been omitted from the active
149 registry list, the registrars of voters shall, upon [a written request]
150 submission of a new application for voter registration signed by the
151 elector under penalties of false statement, [to the registrar stating that
152 such elector is still a bona fide resident of such town and is not an
153 elector of any other town,] add such name to [such] the supplementary
154 list, provided no name shall be added to the active registry list on
155 election day [, pursuant to this section,] without the consent of both
156 registrars of voters.

157 (c) The registrars of voters shall cause the inactive registry list
158 compiled under section 9-35 to be completed and printed and
159 [deposited in the town clerk's office and] available to the public. The
160 registrars of voters shall provide [a sufficient number of] copies for use
161 in the polling place on election day. If on election day the name of an
162 elector appears on such inactive registry list, including the name of an
163 elector who has not responded to a confirmation of voting residence
164 notice under subsection (e) of section 9-35 and has not voted in two
165 consecutive federal elections, such name shall be added to the [active
166 registry] supplementary list upon [written affirmation] submission of a
167 new application for voter registration signed by the elector, under
168 penalties of false statement, before an election official at the polling
169 place [, that such elector is still a bona fide resident of such town,] and
170 upon the consent of both registrars of voters or assistant registrars of
171 voters, as the case may be, in the polls.

172 (d) The name of no elector shall be added to the active registry list
173 under the provisions of this section, unless [his] the elector's name [or
174 some name intended for his name] was on the active registry list for at
175 least one of the four years previous. [or on one of the preliminary
176 active registry lists for the year in which the registrars are in session.]

177 Sec. 8. Section 9-42a of the general statutes is repealed and the

178 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

179 [(a) As used in this section, the term "municipal office" shall be
180 construed as defined in section 9-372, except that such term shall not
181 include the municipal offices of state senator and state representative.]

182 [(b)] (a) On the written request of any elector who identifies himself
183 to the satisfaction of the registrars of voters, such registrars shall make
184 any changes in the name of such elector as it appears on the registry
185 list, provided such elector furnishes reasonable evidence to the
186 registrars that the name as changed is a lawful name of such elector.
187 No such change shall be made between the Tuesday of the fifth week
188 before a regular election and the day of such election.

189 [(c)] (b) No such change in the name of a candidate at a primary
190 shall affect the name of the candidate as it appears on the primary
191 ballot, [unless the elector is a candidate for town committee or
192 municipal office and the change is made not later than the twenty-
193 ninth day preceding the day of the primary.] No such change in the
194 name of a major party candidate at an election shall affect the name of
195 such candidate as it appears on the election ballot, [unless the elector is
196 a candidate for municipal office and the change is made not later than
197 the fifty-fifth day preceding the day of such election.] No such change
198 in the name of a minor party candidate or a nominating petition
199 candidate for any office at an election shall affect the name of such
200 candidate as it appears on the election ballot, [unless the change is
201 made not later than the fifty-fifth day preceding the day of the
202 election.]

203 Sec. 9. Section 9-50a of the general statutes is repealed and the
204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

205 The registrars of voters of each town shall [, on a monthly basis,]
206 compile a list of (1) all persons whose names were added, restored,
207 removed or erased from the active and inactive registry lists, [during
208 the preceding month,] (2) all electors who changed either their names

209 or addresses, [during such period] and (3) all persons sent notices
210 required under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-
211 31, as amended from time to time, and all persons who have replied to
212 such notices. Such list shall include, but not be limited to, each such
213 person's or elector's (A) name, (B) former name, [if changed during
214 such period,] (C) address, [including zip code,] (D) former address,
215 [including zip code, if changed during such period,] (E) voting district,
216 and (F) party affiliation, if any. The registrars shall make each such list
217 available to the public in accordance with the provisions of section 1-
218 210.

219 Sec. 10. Subsection (d) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is
220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
221 *passage*):

222 (d) [After] Not later than sixty days after each election or primary,
223 the registrars of voters shall [promptly] update the state-wide
224 centralized voter registration system and indicate whether the eligible
225 voters on the official registry list for such election or primary voted
226 and, if so, if they voted in person or by absentee ballot.

227 Sec. 11. Section 9-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
228 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

229 (a) The registrars of voters shall cause to be printed at least once
230 during the calendar year [a sufficient number of copies of complete,
231 corrected enrollment lists certified by them as correct, provided a
232 supplementary or updated list shall be printed within one week after a
233 session held on the fourteenth day before a primary] a complete
234 enrollment list and shall make such list available to the public upon
235 request.

236 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a
237 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the
238 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in
239 the primary to be printed [within one week after the session held on

240 the fourteenth day] before such primary. If unaffiliated electors are
241 authorized to vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to
242 vote for all offices to be contested at the primary, the registrars may
243 print the list of unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's
244 enrollment list, indicating party affiliation where applicable.

245 (c) If the legislative body of the municipality votes to eliminate
246 separate enrollment lists under section 9-54 and:

247 (1) Notices of primaries are published for two parties to be held on
248 the same day, the registrars of voters shall print complete separate
249 enrollment lists [within one week after the enrollment session held on
250 the fourteenth day before the primary] and, if unaffiliated electors are
251 authorized to vote in the primary, the registrars of voters shall print a
252 separate list of unaffiliated electors as provided in subsection (b) of this
253 section; or

254 (2) A notice of primary is published for one party in which
255 unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote for some but not all offices
256 to be contested at the primary, the registrars of voters shall print a
257 complete separate enrollment list and a separate list of unaffiliated
258 electors as provided in subsection (b) of this section; or

259 (3) A notice of primary is published for only one party and (A)
260 unaffiliated electors are not authorized to vote, or (B) unaffiliated
261 electors are authorized to vote for all offices to be contested at the
262 primary, a registry list may be used as a checklist at the primary and
263 the registrars of voters shall [, within one week after the session held
264 on the fourteenth day before such primary,] print a supplementary or
265 updated list indicating those electors who have become eligible to vote
266 in the primary since the printing of the registry list.

267 (d) Whenever a list is required by this section to be printed, [within
268 one week after the session held on the fourteenth day before the
269 primary,] a supplement to such list shall be compiled by the registrars
270 of voters of persons who after such date and prior to twelve o'clock

271 noon of the last business day before the primary become eligible to
 272 vote in such primary. The registrars of voters may combine such
 273 separate compilation with the foregoing printed list [either by inserting
 274 the names in writing or] by reprinting the list or incorporating the
 275 supplementary [or updated list into a single printed] list.

276 (e) The registrars of voters shall [file one copy of each such list with
 277 the town clerk which copy shall be] make available for public use such
 278 list in the office of the [town clerk] registrars of voters until the
 279 printing of the next completed [, corrected] enrollment list; and they
 280 shall deliver to the chairman of the town committee of each political
 281 party [five] copies of each such list for each voting district in the town.
 282 Whenever the registrars of voters are not in their office, such list shall
 283 be placed outside of the office for public inspection. Upon request, the
 284 registrars of voters shall give one complete set of such lists to each
 285 candidate for nomination for any office or for election as a town
 286 committee member. [They] The registrars of voters shall deliver a
 287 sufficient number of copies thereof to the moderator of each primary.
 288 [With each printing the registrars shall retain at least six copies of each
 289 such list and such copies shall be available for public use in the office
 290 of the registrars until the printing of the next complete, corrected
 291 enrollment list.] No petition brought under the provisions of section
 292 9-63 shall operate to delay the completion and printing of such lists. If
 293 the petition of any elector is granted after any such list has been
 294 completed, the [registrar or assistant registrar] registrars of voters or
 295 assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall issue to such
 296 elector a certificate showing that the elector is entitled to the privileges
 297 accompanying enrollment in the political party named in the elector's
 298 petition.

299 Sec. 12. Subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of section 9-140c of the
 300 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 301 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

302 (e) Ballots received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on such last

303 day before the election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by
304 the clerk to the registrars not earlier than ten o'clock a.m. and not later
305 than twelve o'clock noon on the day of the election or primary and at
306 twelve o'clock noon on the day of a referendum. [for counting,
307 provided that the registrars may at their discretion direct the clerk to
308 retain for later delivery as many of such ballots as they deem necessary
309 to preserve the secrecy of ballots to be counted at later times as
310 provided in this section.] If central counting has been designated
311 pursuant to section 9-147a, the clerk shall also deliver to the registrars
312 at this time the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this
313 section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to
314 subsection (i) of this section.

315 (f) Absentee ballots timely received by the clerk after eleven o'clock
316 a.m. of such last day before an election, primary or referendum shall be
317 sorted into voting districts by the clerk and retained by him separately
318 until delivered [at the times provided in this section] to the registrars
319 of voters for checking. [and counting.]

320 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of
321 such last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six
322 o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall,
323 upon request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the
324 municipal clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary
325 or referendum for checking. [and counting.]

326 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. and any ballots
327 received prior to six which were not delivered earlier shall be
328 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking. [and
329 counting] Although absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars
330 of voters at various times throughout the election, primary or
331 referendum day, absentee ballots may be counted at one single time
332 during such day.

333 Sec. 13. Section 9-150a of the general statutes is repealed and the
334 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

335 (a) [Not earlier than ten o'clock a.m. and not later than twelve
336 o'clock noon on the day of the election or primary and not earlier than
337 twelve o'clock noon on the day of a referendum the] The absentee
338 ballot counters shall proceed to the polling places for which they have
339 been assigned ballots or to the central counting location at the times
340 designated by the registrars of voters.

341 (b) At the time each group of ballots is delivered to them pursuant
342 to section 9-140c, as amended by this act, the counters shall perform
343 any checking of such ballots required by subsection (i) of said section
344 and shall then proceed as hereinafter provided.

345 (c) Except with respect to ballots marked "Rejected" pursuant to said
346 section 9-140c or other applicable law, the counters shall remove the
347 inner envelopes from the outer envelopes, shall note the total number
348 of absentee ballots received and shall report such total to the
349 moderator. They shall similarly note and separately so report the total
350 numbers of presidential ballots and overseas ballots received pursuant
351 to sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive.

352 (d) (1) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as
353 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or
354 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be
355 replaced in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked
356 "Rejected" and the reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters.
357 (2) If such statement is signed but the individual completing the ballot
358 is an individual described in subsection (a) of section 9-23r and has not
359 met the requirements of subsection (e) of section 9-23r, as amended by
360 this act, the counters shall replace the ballot in the opened inner
361 envelope, replace the inner envelope in the opened outer envelope and
362 mark "Rejected as an Absentee Ballot" and endorse the reason for such
363 rejection on the outer envelope, and the ballot shall be treated as a
364 provisional ballot [for federal offices only,] pursuant to sections 9-232i
365 to 9-232o, inclusive, as amended by this act.

366 (e) The counters shall then remove the absentee ballots from the

367 remaining inner envelopes.

368 (f) Before the ballots are counted, all opened outer and inner
369 envelopes from which such ballots have been removed, and all outer
370 envelopes marked "Rejected" as required by law, shall be placed and
371 sealed by the counters, separately by voting district, in depository
372 envelopes prescribed by the Secretary of the State and provided by the
373 municipal clerk. The counters shall seal such depository envelopes by
374 wrapping them lengthwise and sideways with nonreusable tape,
375 endorse on each such envelope their names, the voting district and the
376 time of the count, and deliver such envelopes to the moderator.

377 (g) The counters shall then count such ballots as provided in this
378 section. The moderator shall supervise the counting.

379 (h) The Secretary of the State shall provide a procedure manual for
380 counting absentee ballots. The manual shall include a description of
381 the steps to be followed in receiving, handling, counting and
382 preserving absentee ballots. Facsimile ballots shall be printed in the
383 manual, illustrating potential variations in ballot markings along with
384 the correct interpretation to be given in each situation illustrated.

385 (i) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section the provisions of
386 section 9-265, as amended by this act, shall apply to write-in votes on
387 absentee ballots at elections.

388 (2) Votes cast by absentee ballot at a primary may be counted only
389 for candidates whose names appear on the ballot [label] on primary
390 day, and no write-in vote shall be counted except as provided in
391 subdivision (3) of this subsection.

392 (3) If a write-in vote on an absentee ballot is cast for a candidate for
393 any office whose name appears on the ballot [label] for that office on
394 election or primary day, such candidate's name shall be deemed to
395 have been checked on such ballot and, except as otherwise provided in
396 subsection (j) of this section, one vote shall be counted and recorded

397 for such candidate for such office.

398 (4) Except as otherwise provided in said section 9-265, if the name of
399 a registered write-in candidate for an office is written in for such office
400 on an absentee ballot it shall be deemed validly written in for purposes
401 of subsection (j) of this section.

402 (j) In the counting of absentee ballots the intent of the voter shall
403 govern, provided the following conclusive presumptions, where
404 applicable, shall prevail in determining such intent:

405 (1) If the names of more candidates for an office than the voter is
406 entitled to vote for are checked or validly written in, then the vote cast
407 for that office shall be deemed an invalid overvote.

408 (2) If the name of a candidate who has vacated his candidacy is
409 checked such vote shall not be counted.

410 (3) On an absentee ballot on which candidates' names are printed, a
411 vote shall be deemed cast only for each candidate whose name is
412 individually checked or validly written in, except as otherwise
413 provided in this subsection. If a party designation is circled, checked,
414 underscored or similarly marked in any manner, or written in, no vote
415 shall be deemed cast or cancelled for any candidate by virtue of such
416 marking or writing.

417 (k) If the intent of an absentee voter is difficult to ascertain due to
418 uncertain, conflicting or incorrect ballot markings which are not clearly
419 addressed in this section or in the procedure manual for counting
420 absentee ballots provided by the Secretary of the State, the absentee
421 ballot counters shall submit the ballot and their question to the
422 moderator. They shall then count the ballot in accordance with the
423 moderator's decision as to the voter's intent, if such intent is
424 ascertainable. A ballot or part of a ballot on which the intent is
425 determined by the moderator to be not ascertainable, shall not be
426 counted. The moderator shall endorse on the ballot the question and

427 his decision.

428 (l) No absentee ballot shall be rejected as a marked ballot unless, in
429 the opinion of the moderator, it was marked for the purpose of
430 providing a means of identifying the voter who cast it.

431 (m) After the absentee ballots have been so counted they shall be
432 placed by the counters, separately by voting district, in depository
433 envelopes prescribed by the Secretary of the State and provided by the
434 municipal clerk. Any notes, worksheets, or other written materials
435 used by the counters in counting such ballots shall be endorsed by
436 them with their names, the date and the time of the count and shall
437 also be placed in such depository envelopes together with the ballots,
438 and with the separate record of the number of votes cast on such
439 ballots for each candidate as required by section 9-150b. Such
440 depository envelopes shall then be sealed, endorsed and delivered to
441 the moderator by the counters in the same manner as provided in
442 subsection (f) of this section.

443 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 9-172b of the general statutes is
444 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
445 *passage*):

446 (a) In each municipality or political subdivision in which a special
447 election or referendum is to be held, the registrars of voters shall
448 prepare a supplementary or updated list of the names and addresses of
449 those persons who acquired voting privileges after the completion of
450 the revised registry list and prior to the day of such special election or
451 referendum. In each such municipality or political subdivision, not
452 later than the day before such special election or referendum, such
453 registrars of voters shall cause to be completed and printed [and
454 deposited in the town clerk's office] such list arranged as provided in
455 section 9-35 and certified by them to be correct, and shall retain a
456 sufficient number of copies to be used by them at such election or
457 referendum for the purpose of checking the names of those who vote,
458 provided the names of any persons who acquired such voting

459 privileges within thirty days before such special election or
460 referendum may be inserted on such printed list in writing.

461 Sec. 15. Section 9-244 of the general statutes is repealed and the
462 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

463 (a) Such registrars of voters shall give written notice to the
464 chairpersons of the town committees of the political parties of the day
465 and place a [mechanic or mechanics] registrar or registrars will begin
466 the preparation, test voting and sealing of the [machines] tabulators for
467 the election, including any additional [machines] tabulators required
468 under section 9-238. Such notice shall be given at least one day before
469 the work on the preparation of such [machines] tabulators begins.

470 (b) Each such chairperson and any candidate for an office appearing
471 on the ballot may be present, or may designate a watcher who may be
472 present, during the preparation of such [machines] tabulators, but such
473 chairpersons, candidates and watchers shall not interfere with, or
474 assist in, the preparation of the [machines] tabulators.

475 (c) After the [mechanic or mechanics] registrar or registrars have
476 prepared the [machines, (1)] tabulators, the registrars of voters, or their
477 designees, [who shall not include any such mechanics, and (2) all
478 mechanics who prepared such machines shall be present together
479 when the machines are tested and sealed] shall test and seal such
480 tabulators for use in the election. The chairpersons of the town
481 committees of the political parties and any candidate for an office
482 appearing on the ballot may also be present, or may designate a
483 watcher who may be present, during the testing and sealing, but such
484 chairpersons, candidates and watchers shall not interfere with the
485 testing or sealing. All such persons who are present for the testing and
486 sealing of the [machines, except the mechanics,] tabulators shall file a
487 written report, as provided in section 9-245, certifying [(A)] (1) to the
488 numbers of the [machines, (B)] tabulators, (2) as to whether all the
489 candidate and question counters are set at zero (000), [(C)] (3) as to the
490 numbers registered on the protective counters, if provided, and the

491 numbers on the seals, [(D)] (4) that the ballot [labels are] is properly
492 [placed on the machines] prepared, and [(E)] (5) that the [machines]
493 tabulators have been test-voted and found to be working properly.

494 Sec. 16. Section 9-246 of the general statutes is repealed and the
495 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

496 (a) The [mechanic or mechanics] registrar or registrars shall file a
497 written report of the condition of each [machine] tabulator certifying
498 that (1) they have prepared the [machines] tabulators, (2) all the
499 counters are set at zero (000), (3) [all] the ballot [labels are] is properly
500 placed thereon, (4) the [grouping mechanism] tabulator has been
501 properly adjusted according to the [ballot labels] ballots, and (5) each
502 [machine] tabulator is otherwise in readiness for the election. This
503 report shall include the number of each [machine] tabulator and a
504 statement of any defects or features of the [machine] tabulator that
505 need attention or correction. The [mechanic or mechanics] registrar or
506 registrars shall also place upon each of the [machines] tabulators a
507 numbered [metal] seal, secured in such a way that, before any
508 movement of the registering or voting mechanism can be effected,
509 such seal will be destroyed or broken. All voting [machines] tabulators
510 shall be transferred to the polling places in charge of an elector
511 authorized by the registrars of voters under whose direction the voting
512 [machines] tabulators are to be prepared, as provided in section 9-240a;
513 and such elector shall certify to their delivery in good order.
514 Additional [machines] tabulators required under section 9-238 shall be
515 so located by the registrars of voters as to be available for immediate
516 transfer to the polling places within the municipality. The [mechanic or
517 mechanics] registrar or registrars shall have custody of the keys of the
518 voting [machines only when they are at work on such machines, and
519 immediately thereafter such keys shall be returned to the municipal
520 clerk. The return of such keys shall, in each case, be made before the
521 day of election] tabulators.

522 (b) The [mechanic or mechanics] registrar or registrars shall file a

523 written report detailing any repairs made to a [machine] tabulator on
524 the day of an election. This report shall certify (1) the number of the
525 [machine] tabulator, (2) the time when the problem occurred, (3) a
526 summary description of the work performed, and (4) that no repairs
527 were made to the [machine] tabulator, after any vote was cast on the
528 day of an election, that would affect the manner in which votes were
529 recorded on the [machine] tabulator.

530 Sec. 17. Section 9-247 of the general statutes is repealed and the
531 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

532 The registrars of voters shall, before the day of the election, cause
533 [the mechanic or mechanics to insert on each machine the ballot labels
534 corresponding with the sample diagrams provided and to put each
535 such machine] test ballots to be inserted in each tabulator to ensure
536 that each tabulator is prepared and ready and in order in every way
537 and set and adjust the same so that it shall be ready for use in voting
538 when delivered at the polling place. Such registrars shall cause the
539 [machine so labeled] tabulator so prepared, in order and set and
540 adjusted, to be delivered at the polling place, together with all
541 necessary furniture and appliances that go with the same, at the room
542 where the election is to be held, not later than six o'clock in the
543 afternoon of the day preceding the election. [Each voting machine shall
544 be furnished with light sufficient to enable electors while voting to
545 read the ballot labels and suitable for use by the election officials in
546 examining the counters. A pencil shall also be provided, within each
547 voting machine, for use in casting a write-in ballot.]

548 Sec. 18. Section 9-247a of the general statutes is repealed and the
549 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

550 No candidate, as defined in section 9-601, [or] member of the
551 immediate family, as defined in section 1-79, of a candidate or business
552 entity that a candidate is a member of in any capacity shall transport,
553 prepare, repair or maintain a voting [machine] tabulator. No provision
554 of this section shall prohibit [(1)] a member of the immediate family of

555 a candidate from serving as a moderator, [or (2) a candidate for the
556 office of registrar of voters or a member of the immediate family of
557 such a candidate from serving as a voting machine mechanic.]

558 Sec. 19. Section 9-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the
559 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

560 Ballots shall be printed in [black ink, in] plain clear type [,] and on
561 [clear white] material of such size as will fit the tabulator, and shall be
562 furnished by the registrar of voters. The size and style of the type used
563 to print the name of a political party on a ballot shall be identical with
564 the size and style of the type used to print the names of all other
565 political parties appearing on such ballot. The name of each major
566 party candidate for a municipal office, as defined in section 9-372,
567 except for the municipal offices of state senator and state
568 representative, shall appear on the ballot as it appears on the registry
569 list of the candidate's town of voting residence, except as provided in
570 section 9-42a. The name of each major party candidate for a state or
571 district office, as defined in section 9-372, or for the municipal office of
572 state senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it
573 appears on the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-
574 388, subsection (b) of section 9-391, or section 9-400 or 9-409, as
575 amended by this act. The name of each minor party candidate shall
576 appear on the ballot as it appears on the registry list in accordance
577 with the provisions of section 9-452, as amended by this act. The name
578 of each nominating petition candidate shall appear on the ballot as it is
579 verified by the town clerk on the application filed under section 9-
580 453b. The size and style of the type used to print the name of a
581 candidate on a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the
582 type used to print the names of all other candidates appearing on such
583 ballot. Such ballot shall contain the names of the offices and the names
584 of the candidates arranged thereon. The names of the political parties
585 and party designations shall be arranged on the ballots, either in
586 columns or horizontal rows as set forth in section 9-249a, immediately
587 adjacent to the column or row occupied by the candidate or candidates

588 of such political party or organization. [When two or more candidates
589 are to be elected to the same office, the] The ballot shall be printed in
590 such manner as to indicate [that] how many candidates the elector may
591 vote for, [any two or such other number as he is entitled to vote for,]
592 provided in the case of a town adopting the provisions of section 9-
593 204a, such ballot shall indicate the maximum number of candidates
594 who may be elected to such office from any party. If two or more
595 candidates are to be elected to the same office for different terms, the
596 term for which each is nominated shall be printed on the official ballot
597 as a part of the title of the office. If, at any election, one candidate is to
598 be elected for a full term and another to fill a vacancy, the official ballot
599 containing the names of the candidates in the foregoing order shall, as
600 a part of the title of the office, designate the term which such
601 candidates are severally nominated to fill. No column, under the name
602 of any political party or independent organization, shall be printed on
603 any official ballot, which contains more candidates for any office than
604 the number for which an elector may vote for that office.

605 Sec. 20. Section 9-253 of the general statutes is repealed and the
606 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

607 When a major or minor party is entitled to nominate two or more
608 candidates for a particular office, the order of the names of its
609 candidates for such office appearing on the [voting machine ballot
610 label] ballot shall be determined by the registrars of voters by lot in a
611 ceremony which shall be open to the public, except as hereinafter
612 provided. When such a candidate is nominated for the same office by
613 more than one party, his name shall appear on each appropriate row
614 on the [voting machine ballot label in the same column in which it
615 appears under the foregoing provision in either (1) the party row of the
616 party with which he is enrolled, or (2) the first party row on which his
617 name is to appear if such candidate is an unaffiliated elector] ballot in
618 the order that such candidate's name was drawn for each political
619 party. The registrars of voters shall provide at least five days' public
620 notice for each ceremony held under this section. The ballot order of

621 nominating petition candidates for multiple-opening offices shall be as
622 prescribed in section 9-453r.

623 Sec. 21. Section 9-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the
624 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

625 Each municipal clerk shall, not later than the one hundred eightieth
626 day prior to the day of any regular municipal election, file with the
627 Secretary of the State, on a form approved by said secretary, a list of
628 the offices to be filled at such election and the terms thereof and the
629 number of candidates for which each elector may vote. Said secretary
630 shall, within seventy days from the date of receipt of such list, return a
631 copy of such list to the municipal clerk. Each municipal clerk shall,
632 within ten days after the receipt of the returned list, mail a copy
633 thereof to the chairman of the town committee of each major political
634 party within the municipality.

635 Sec. 22. Section 9-258 of the general statutes is repealed and the
636 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

637 (a) For municipalities with more than one voting district, the
638 election officials of each polling place [, including voting tabulator
639 technicians,] shall be electors of the state and shall consist of one
640 moderator, at least one, but not more than two official checkers, two
641 assistant registrars of voters of opposite political parties, each of whom
642 shall be residents of the town, not more than two challengers if the
643 registrars of voters have appointed challengers pursuant to section 9-
644 232, and at least one and not more than two ballot clerks and at least
645 one but not more than two voting tabulator tenders for each voting
646 tabulator in use at the polling place. A known candidate for any office
647 shall not serve as an election official on election day or serve at the
648 polls in any capacity, except that a municipal clerk or a registrar of
649 voters, who is a candidate for the same office, may perform his or her
650 official duties. If, in the opinion of the registrar of voters, the public
651 convenience of the electors in any voting district so requires, provision
652 shall be made for an additional line or lines of electors at the polling

653 place and, if more than one line of electors is established, at least one
654 but not more than two additional official checkers and at least one but
655 not more than two ballot clerks for each line of electors shall be
656 appointed and, if more than one tabulator is used in a polling place, at
657 least one and not more than two additional voting tabulator tenders
658 shall be appointed for each additional machine so used. Head
659 moderators, central counting moderators [,] and absentee ballot
660 counters [and voting tabulator technicians] appointed pursuant to law
661 shall also be deemed election officials.

662 (b) For municipalities with one voting district, the election officials
663 of such polling place [, except voting tabulator technicians,] shall be
664 electors of the [town] state and shall consist of [: One] one moderator,
665 at least one, but not more than two official checkers, not more than two
666 challengers if the registrars of voters have appointed challengers
667 pursuant to section 9-232, at least one and not more than two voting
668 tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use at the polling place
669 and at least one but not more than two ballot clerks. Additionally, such
670 election officials may consist of two registrars of voters of opposite
671 political parties, or two assistant registrars of voters of opposite
672 political parties, as the case may be, subject to the requirements of
673 sections 9-259 and 9-439, [who shall: (1) Be available by telephone and
674 notify all registrars of voters' offices in the state of such telephone
675 number, (2) be connected to the state-wide computerized registry list,
676 and (3) have all voter card files in the polling place for reference]
677 provided if the registrars of voters are present in the polling place, they
678 shall appoint at least one designee to be present in their office. A
679 known candidate for any office shall not serve as an election official on
680 election day or serve at the polls in any capacity, except that a
681 municipal clerk or a registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the same
682 office, may perform his or her official duties. If, in the opinion of the
683 registrar of voters, the public convenience of the electors in any voting
684 district so requires, provision shall be made for an additional line or
685 lines of electors at the polling place and, if more than one line of
686 electors is established, at least one, but not more than two, additional

687 official checkers for each line of electors shall be appointed and, if
688 more than one tabulator is used in a polling place, at least one and not
689 more than two additional voting tabulator tenders shall be appointed
690 for each additional tabulator so used. Head moderators, central
691 counting moderators [,] and absentee ballot counters [and voting
692 tabulator technicians] appointed pursuant to law shall be deemed to be
693 election officials.

694 (c) No election official shall perform services for any party or
695 candidate on election day nor appear at any political party
696 headquarters prior to eight o'clock p.m. on election day.

697 Sec. 23. Section 9-260 of the general statutes is repealed and the
698 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

699 A [metal] demonstrator [machine or spare voting machine] device
700 shall be provided inside the polling place for the instruction of electors.
701 [Any such spare voting machine shall not be used for voting and shall
702 be provided in addition to any additional voting machines required
703 pursuant to section 9-238.] Any such demonstrator [machine shall
704 represent at least five office columns of the two upper rows on the
705 voting machine. Such demonstrator or spare voting machine shall
706 contain, in each space provided for the name of a party, the
707 designation "name of party", in each space provided for the name of a
708 candidate, the designation "name of candidate", in each space
709 provided for the name of an office, the designation, "office", and in
710 each space provided for a question, the designation, "Question-
711 Statement of Question-Yes-No". A spare voting machine provided for
712 the purposes of this section shall contain, in the upper left-hand corner,
713 directly opposite the write-in slides, the designation "write-in slides".
714 The party levers on such demonstrator or spare voting machine shall
715 be covered. At a primary, each space provided for a question shall be
716 left blank] device shall instruct electors on the proper method to cast
717 their vote, including the proper method to cast a write-in vote using
718 the voting equipment located in each polling place. Upon request by

719 any elector who desires instruction after he has entered the polling
720 place and prior to casting his vote, two election officials of different
721 political parties jointly shall instruct such elector on the demonstrator
722 [or spare voting machine by causing such elector himself to operate the
723 parts of such demonstrator or spare voting machine] device.

724 Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 9-265 of the general statutes is
725 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
726 *passage*):

727 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, in the case of an
728 office for which an elector may vote for only one candidate, a write-in
729 vote cast for a person nominated for that office by a major or minor
730 party or by nominating petition shall be counted and recorded. In the
731 case of an office for which an elector may vote for more than one
732 candidate, a write-in vote cast for a person nominated for that office by
733 a major or minor party or by nominating petition shall [not] be
734 counted [or] and recorded if it can be determined which candidate
735 such vote should be attributed to.

736 Sec. 25. Section 9-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the
737 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

738 If, owing to the number of candidates to be voted upon, [or] owing
739 to inability to obtain a sufficient number of voting tabulators [,] or, if it
740 is found impracticable to use voting tabulators at any election, primary
741 or referenda to be held in any municipality, or in one or more of the
742 voting districts therein, the registrars of voters may discontinue the use
743 of such tabulators for such election in any of the voting districts
744 therein, and shall thereupon cause ballots to be procured and used at
745 such election, [as provided by this part,] primary or referenda in each
746 of the voting districts wherein the use of voting tabulators has been so
747 discontinued. The procedures for securing and counting the paper
748 ballots described in this section shall comply as nearly as may be, in
749 the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, to the counting of
750 absentee ballots.

751 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-311 of the general
752 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
753 (*Effective from passage*):

754 (a) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the moderator
755 that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such
756 moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by written
757 notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of [the
758 mechanic or mechanics,] at least two checkers of different political
759 parties and at least two absentee ballot counters of different political
760 parties who served at such election, and the registrars of voters [and
761 the clerk] of the municipality in which the election was held and such
762 other officials as may be required to conduct such recanvass. Such
763 written notice shall require [such] the clerk or registrars of voters, as
764 the case may be, to bring with [him] them the depository envelopes
765 required by section 9-150a, as amended by this act, the package of
766 write-in ballots provided for in section 9-310, the absentee ballot
767 applications, the list of absentee ballot applications, the registry list
768 and the moderators' returns and shall require such recanvass officials
769 to meet at a specified time not later than the fifth business day after
770 such election to recanvass the returns of a voting [machine] tabulator
771 or voting [machines] tabulators or absentee ballots or write-in ballots
772 used in such district in such election. If any of such recanvass officials
773 are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the registrar of voters of
774 the same political party as that of the recanvass official unable to
775 attend shall designate another elector having previous training and
776 experience in the conduct of elections to take his place. Before such
777 recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in writing, to the
778 chairman of the town committee of each political party which
779 nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state
780 election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made
781 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the
782 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such
783 chairman may send [two] representatives to be present at such
784 recanvass. Such representatives may observe, but no one other than a

785 recanvass official may take part in the recanvass. If any irregularity in
786 the recanvass procedure is noted by such a representative, he shall be
787 permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest
788 relating to the election.

789 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
790 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
791 [machines] tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required
792 by section 9-266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass
793 of such [machines] tabulators be conducted in each place where the
794 [machines] tabulators are located, or he may require that they be
795 removed to one central place, where such recanvass shall be
796 conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open to public
797 observation. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of such
798 moderator and [clerk] registrars of voters, make a record of the
799 number on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is
800 provided, on each voting machine specified by such moderator. Such
801 [clerk] registrars of voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn
802 over the keys of each such [machine] tabulator to such recanvass
803 officials, and such recanvass officials, in the presence of such [clerk]
804 registrars of voters and moderator, shall immediately proceed to [open
805 the counter compartment of each such machine and, without
806 unlocking such machine against voting,] recanvass the vote cast
807 thereon, and shall then open the package of absentee ballots and
808 recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the
809 absentee ballot vote the recanvass officials shall check all outer
810 envelopes for absentee ballots against the inner envelopes for such
811 ballots and against the registry list to verify postmarks, addresses and
812 registry list markings and also to determine whether the number of
813 envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed is the same
814 as the number of persons checked as having voted by absentee ballot.
815 The write-in ballots shall also be recanvassed at this time. All of the
816 recanvass officials shall use the same forms for tallies and returns as
817 were used at the original canvass and the absentee ballot counters shall
818 also sign the tallies.

819 (c) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner
820 prescribed in section 9-309 on return forms provided by the [municipal
821 clerk] registrars of voters and appended thereto shall be a statement
822 signed by the moderator indicating the time and place of the recanvass
823 and the names, addresses, titles and party affiliations of the recanvass
824 officials. The write-in ballots shall be replaced in a properly secured
825 sealed package. Upon the completion of such recanvass, [such
826 machine] any tabulator used in such recanvass shall be locked and
827 sealed, the keys thereof shall immediately be returned to such [clerk]
828 registrars of voters and such [machine] tabulator shall remain so
829 locked until the expiration of fourteen days after such election or for
830 such longer period as is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
831 The absentee ballots shall be replaced in their wrappers and be
832 resealed by the moderator in the presence of the recanvass officials.
833 Upon the completion of such recanvass, such moderator and at least
834 two of the recanvass officials of different political parties shall
835 forthwith prepare and sign such return forms which shall contain a
836 written statement giving the result of such recanvass for each
837 [machine] tabulator and each package of absentee ballots whose
838 returns were so recanvassed, setting forth whether or not the original
839 canvass was correctly made and stating whether or not the
840 discrepancy still remains unaccounted for. Such return forms
841 containing such statement shall forthwith be filed by the moderator in
842 the office of such clerk. If such recanvass reveals that the original
843 canvass of returns was not correctly made, such return forms
844 containing such statement so filed with the clerk shall constitute a
845 corrected return. In the case of a state election, a recanvass return shall
846 be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and provided by the
847 Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one copy with the
848 Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk not later than
849 ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be substituted
850 for the original return and shall have the same force and effect as an
851 original return.

852 Sec. 27. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-369a of the general

853 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
854 (*Effective from passage*):

855 (b) When the clerk of the municipality determines that the necessary
856 action has been taken for submission of the question, he shall, at least
857 forty-five days prior to the election, file in the office of the Secretary of
858 the State a statement setting forth the designation of the question as it
859 is to appear on the [voting machine ballot labels] ballot at the election,
860 the date upon which the submitting action was taken and the reference
861 to the law under which the action was taken. Such designation shall be
862 in the form of a question, as provided in section 9-369. Whenever it is
863 specifically provided in the general statutes that any such question
864 may be approved for such submission within the period of forty-five
865 days prior to such an election, and action is taken to submit a question
866 within such period, the clerk of the municipality shall file the
867 statement required by this subsection with the Secretary of the State
868 immediately upon the taking of such action.

869 (c) When action is taken for submission of a question, from the time
870 of such action through the day of the election, the clerk of the
871 municipality shall make the full text of the question and the
872 designation which is to appear upon the [voting machine ballot labels]
873 ballot available for public inspection. If the designation is not
874 prescribed by law, the clerk shall phrase the designation of the
875 question in a form suitable for printing on the ballot. [label.] The
876 warning of the election shall include a statement that the question is to
877 be voted upon, the designation of the question to appear on the ballot
878 [labels,] and a statement that the full text of the question is available
879 for public inspection in the clerk's office.

880 Sec. 28. Section 9-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the
881 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

882 Except as provided in sections 9-418 and 9-419, if in any
883 municipality, within the time specified in section 9-405, a candidacy for
884 nomination by a political party to any municipal office or for election

885 as a town committee member is filed with the registrar, in conformity
 886 with the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412, inclusive, and section 9-
 887 414, by or on behalf of any person other than party-endorsed
 888 candidates, the registrar shall forthwith after the deadline for
 889 certification of party-endorsed candidates notify the clerk of such
 890 municipality that a primary is to be held by such party for the
 891 nomination of such party to such office or for the election by such
 892 party of town committee members, as the case may be. Such notice
 893 shall include a list of all the proposed candidates, those endorsed as
 894 well as those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the
 895 titles of the offices or positions for which they are candidates. In the
 896 case of a primary for justices of the peace, such notice shall also contain
 897 the complete ballot [label] designation of each slate pursuant to
 898 subsection (h) of section 9-437. The clerk of the municipality shall
 899 thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith in a newspaper
 900 having a general circulation in such municipality, together with a
 901 statement of the date upon which the primary is to be held, the hours
 902 during which the polls shall be open and the location of the polls. [,
 903 and shall send a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the State and
 904 record the same.] The clerk of the municipality shall also file such
 905 notice with the Secretary of the State not later than three business days
 906 after receipt of such notice from the registrar of voters. The clerk shall
 907 forthwith publish any change in the proposed candidates, listing such
 908 changes.

909 Sec. 29. Section 9-436 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 910 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

911 (a) Voting [machines] tabulators shall be used at each primary,
 912 provided, (1) if, because of the number of offices and positions to be
 913 voted upon at a primary, there is an insufficient number of vertical
 914 columns on any [machine] ballot to be used in a municipality, the vote
 915 in such municipality at such primary for such offices or positions as
 916 the Secretary of the State determines shall be taken by paper ballots,
 917 and (2) if, because of the number of candidates for any office or

918 position to be voted upon at a primary, there is an insufficient number
919 of horizontal rows with respect to such office or position on any
920 [machine] ballot to be used in the municipality, the vote in such
921 municipality at such primary for such office or position shall be taken
922 by paper ballots. More than one voting [machine] tabulator may be
923 used in any voting district if the registrar so prescribes. The registrar
924 shall furnish a number of voting [machines] booths sufficient to
925 provide a voting [machine] booth for each [twenty-four] five hundred
926 or fraction of [twenty-four] five hundred electors eligible to vote at
927 such primary in the municipality or voting district, as the case may be,
928 and other necessary equipment. In each polling place in which a party
929 has authorized unaffiliated electors, pursuant to section 9-431, to vote
930 for some but not all offices to be contested at the primary, a separate
931 voting [machine] tabulator shall be used for such unaffiliated electors
932 and the registrar shall separately furnish one voting [machine] booth
933 for each [twenty-four] five hundred or fraction of [twenty-four] five
934 hundred enrolled party members and one voting [machine] booth for
935 each [twenty-four] five hundred or fraction of [twenty-four] five
936 hundred unaffiliated electors authorized to vote at such primary in
937 such district. In determining such number of electors, enrolled party
938 members or unaffiliated electors, the registrar shall not count the
939 names on the enrollment or registry lists of seventy-five per cent of
940 such electors, unaffiliated electors or enrolled party members who
941 reside in institutions, as defined in section 9-159q. The registrar may
942 provide more than the minimum number of voting [machines] booths
943 required by this section.

944 [(b) The registrar shall appoint a suitable mechanic or mechanics to
945 prepare, adjust and place the voting machines for use at the primary
946 under the direction of the registrar. A voting machine mechanic shall
947 be deemed a primary official but need not be an elector of any town.]

948 [(c)] (b) Each [machine] tabulator shall be so arranged that the
949 elector may vote for as many persons for nomination or election to
950 each office or position as there are persons to be nominated or elected,

951 as the case may be, and no more, and so that the elector may vote for
952 individual candidates; provided the vote for justices of the peace shall
953 be by slate, as provided in section 9-443.

954 [(d)] (c) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party
955 members in the municipality or political subdivision holding the
956 primary, as the case may be, to serve in each polling place, the primary
957 polling place officials, who shall consist of one moderator, at least one,
958 but not more than two official checkers, not more than two challengers
959 if he deems it necessary, and at least one and not more than two ballot
960 clerks and at least one but not more than two voting [machine]
961 tabulator tenders for each [machine] tabulator in use at such primary
962 and, in towns with two or more voting districts at least one and not
963 more than two assistant registrars, provided (1) in the case of a
964 political subdivision holding a primary, if no enrolled party member
965 who resides in the political subdivision and who is a certified
966 moderator consents to serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint
967 any enrolled party member who resides in the municipality and is a
968 certified moderator to be moderator, (2) in the case of either a
969 municipality or a political subdivision holding a primary, if no
970 enrolled party member can be found or no such person consents to
971 serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector who
972 resides in the municipality and is a certified moderator to be
973 moderator, (3) in the case of a political subdivision holding a primary,
974 if an insufficient number of enrolled party members who reside in the
975 political subdivision consent to serve as checkers, challengers, voting
976 machine tenders or assistant registrars, the registrar may appoint any
977 enrolled party member who resides in the municipality to be a checker,
978 challenger, voting [machine] tabulator tender or assistant registrar, and
979 (4) in the case of either a municipality or a political subdivision
980 holding a primary, if a sufficient number of enrolled party members
981 cannot be found or do not consent to serve in a position described in
982 subdivision (3) of this subsection, the registrar may appoint any elector
983 who resides in the municipality to any such position. If unaffiliated
984 electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote for some but not all

985 of the offices to be contested at the primary, the registrar shall appoint
986 two additional checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who
987 are authorized to vote on the separate [machines] tabulators. If
988 unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the
989 primary of either of two parties in the same polling place, whether for
990 some or for all offices to be contested at the primary, each such
991 registrar shall appoint two additional checkers to check the list of
992 unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote in either such primary.

993 [(e)] (d) The registrar shall designate one of the moderators so
994 appointed by the registrar to be head moderator or shall appoint as
995 head moderator an elector who is not also moderator of a polling place
996 and who shall be deemed a primary official. The registrar may also
997 appoint a deputy head moderator to assist the head moderator in the
998 performance of his duties. A deputy head moderator shall also be
999 deemed to be a primary official. Each registrar's appointments of
1000 primary polling place officials, except moderators of polling places,
1001 and of designees to conduct supervised voting of absentee ballots
1002 pursuant to sections 9-159q and 9-159r shall be divided equally, as
1003 nearly as may be, between designees of the party-endorsed candidates
1004 and designees of one or more of the contestants, provided, if a party-
1005 endorsed candidate is a member of a party other than the one holding
1006 the primary, such primary officials, except [voting machine] tabulator
1007 mechanics, shall be enrolled party members of the party holding the
1008 primary. Names of designees and alternate designees for such
1009 positions shall be submitted in writing by party-endorsed candidates
1010 and contestants to the registrar not later than ten days before the
1011 primary, except that names of designees and alternate designees for
1012 the position of moderator shall be so submitted not later than twenty-
1013 one days before the primary and, if such lists are not so presented, all
1014 such appointments shall be made by the registrar but in the above-
1015 mentioned proportion. The registrar shall notify all such candidates
1016 and contestants of their right to submit a list of designees under this
1017 section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
1018 registrar shall appoint as moderators only persons who are certified to

1019 serve as moderators or alternate moderators pursuant to section 9-229,
1020 unless there is an insufficient number of such persons who are enrolled
1021 members of the registrar's party in the municipality or political
1022 subdivision holding the primary, in which case the registrar may
1023 appoint a new moderator in accordance with section 9-229, but only to
1024 the extent of such insufficiency. Primary central counting moderators
1025 and absentee ballot counters shall also be deemed primary officials. No
1026 primary official shall perform services for any candidate at the primary
1027 on primary day.

1028 [(f)] (e) If paper ballots are required for the vote on any office or
1029 position in a municipality, in consultation with the registrars of voters,
1030 the clerk of the municipality shall print a paper ballot for use in such
1031 primary for nomination to such office or election to such position. The
1032 Secretary of the State shall prescribe the form of such paper ballot. The
1033 Secretary of the State may prescribe general rules for the use of paper
1034 ballots in any primary, including the duties of officials at the polls with
1035 regard to the same, the marking of the same and the counting of the
1036 same. The procedure to be followed when paper ballots are so used
1037 shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the procedure applicable to
1038 voting [machines] tabulators provided in this chapter and to the law
1039 governing the use of paper ballots in regular elections and such rules
1040 shall have the force and effect of law. Chapter 54 shall not apply to
1041 rules made pursuant to this section.

1042 [(g)] (f) The provisions of section 9-258, as amended by this act,
1043 concerning additional lines of electors at a polling place, and of section
1044 9-258a concerning two shifts of officials at a polling place, shall apply
1045 to a primary. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the
1046 provisions of the general statutes relating to the use of voting
1047 [machines] tabulators at regular elections shall apply as nearly as may
1048 be to the use of voting [machines] tabulators at primaries.

1049 Sec. 30. Subsection (b) of section 9-453o of the general statutes is
1050 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

1051 *passage*):

1052 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Secretary of
1053 the State shall approve every nominating petition which contains
1054 sufficient signatures counted and certified on approved pages by the
1055 town clerks. In the case of a candidate who petitions under a reserved
1056 party designation the secretary shall approve the petition only if it
1057 meets the signature requirement and if a statement endorsing such
1058 candidate is filed with the secretary by the party designation
1059 committee not later than four o'clock p.m. on the [fifty-fifth] sixty-
1060 second day before the election. In the case of a candidate who petitions
1061 under a party designation which is the same as the name of a minor
1062 party the secretary shall approve the petition only if it meets the
1063 signature requirement and if a statement endorsing such candidate is
1064 filed in the office of the secretary by the chairman or secretary of such
1065 minor party not later than four o'clock p.m. on the [fifty-fifth] sixty-
1066 second day before the election. No candidate shall be qualified to
1067 appear on any ballot by nominating petition unless the candidate's
1068 petition is approved by the secretary pursuant to this subsection.

1069 Sec. 31. Section 9-461 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1070 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

1071 Not later than the seventh day following the date set for the primary
1072 for nomination at any election at which a municipal office is to be
1073 filled, the clerk of the municipality in which such election is to be held
1074 shall file with the Secretary of the State a list of the candidates of each
1075 party for the municipal offices to be filled at such election nominated
1076 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Such list shall be on a
1077 form provided by the Secretary of the State and shall indicate the name
1078 and address of each candidate and the office and term for which each
1079 candidate has been nominated, and, except for major party candidates
1080 for the municipal offices of state senator or state representative, shall
1081 contain the certification of such municipal clerk that he has compared
1082 the name of each such candidate with the candidate's name as [it

1083 appears on the registry list] the candidate authorizes the candidate's
1084 name to appear on the ballot, pursuant to the certificate filed in
1085 accordance with subsection (c) of section 9-391, or the statement of
1086 consent filed in accordance with section 9-409, as amended by this act,
1087 as applicable, and has verified and corrected the same. In the case of
1088 major party candidates for the municipal offices of state senator or
1089 state representative, such list shall contain the certification of the
1090 [town] municipal clerk that he has compared the name of each such
1091 candidate with the candidate's name as the candidate has authorized,
1092 on the certificate or statement of consent filed under subsection [(b)] (c)
1093 of section 9-391 or section 9-409, as amended by this act, his name to
1094 appear, and has verified and corrected the same. Such list shall include
1095 a statement of the total number of candidates for which each elector
1096 may vote for each office and term at such election as set forth in the list
1097 or amendment or supplement thereto filed with the Secretary of the
1098 State under section 9-254. After the filing of such list of candidates, the
1099 clerk of the municipality shall forthwith notify the Secretary of the
1100 State of any errors in such list or of any changes in such list provided
1101 for in section 9-329a or 9-460.

1102 Sec. 32. Section 9-50b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1103 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1104 (a) As used in this section, "state-wide centralized voter registration
1105 system" means a computerized system designed and maintained by
1106 the Secretary of the State which includes: (1) Voter registration
1107 information prescribed by the Secretary, (2) information contained in
1108 applications for admission as electors described in section 9-20, (3)
1109 information needed to compile registry lists and enrollment lists under
1110 sections 9-35 and 9-54, (4) information required by section 9-50a, and
1111 (5) other information for use in complying with the provisions of this
1112 title.

1113 (b) Not later than July 1, 2003, each registrar of voters shall transmit
1114 to the office of the Secretary of the State all elector information

1115 required by the office to complete the state-wide centralized voter
1116 registration system. Each registrar shall transmit such information in a
1117 format prescribed by the Secretary. Not later than September 1, 2003,
1118 each registrar of voters shall participate in the state-wide centralized
1119 voter registration system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary.

1120 [(c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not prohibit
1121 the registrars of voters of any municipality from maintaining a registry
1122 list for such municipality that is separate from the state-wide
1123 centralized voter registration system, provided (1) such separate
1124 registry list includes the same information as the registry list for such
1125 municipality in the state-wide centralized voter registration system,
1126 and (2) such registrars comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of
1127 this section and the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended
1128 from time to time.]

1129 [(d) After] (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or
1130 primary, the registrars of voters shall [promptly] update the state-wide
1131 centralized voter registration system and indicate whether the eligible
1132 voters on the official registry list for such election or primary voted
1133 and, if so, if they voted in person or by absentee ballot.

1134 Sec. 33. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The registrars of voters shall
1135 either ensure that each ballot clerk offer every elector a privacy sleeve
1136 into which the ballot can be inserted and fully shielded from view or,
1137 in the alternative, place such privacy sleeve in every voting booth for
1138 the elector's use. No elector shall be required to accept a privacy sleeve.

1139 Sec. 34. Sections 9-229a, 9-232d to 9-232f, inclusive, and 9-242c of the
1140 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-23r(e) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-35c |
| Sec. 3 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-36 |

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| Sec. 4 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-37 |
| Sec. 5 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-38 |
| Sec. 6 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-39 |
| Sec. 7 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-42 |
| Sec. 8 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-42a |
| Sec. 9 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-50a |
| Sec. 10 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-50b(d) |
| Sec. 11 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-55 |
| Sec. 12 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-140c(e) to (h) |
| Sec. 13 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-150a |
| Sec. 14 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-172b(a) |
| Sec. 15 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-244 |
| Sec. 16 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-246 |
| Sec. 17 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-247 |
| Sec. 18 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-247a |
| Sec. 19 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-250 |
| Sec. 20 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-253 |
| Sec. 21 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-254 |
| Sec. 22 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-258 |
| Sec. 23 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-260 |
| Sec. 24 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-265(b) |
| Sec. 25 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-272 |
| Sec. 26 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-311(a) to (c) |
| Sec. 27 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-369a(b) and (c) |
| Sec. 28 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-435 |
| Sec. 29 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-436 |
| Sec. 30 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-453o(b) |
| Sec. 31 | <i>July 1, 2010</i> | 9-461 |
| Sec. 32 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-50b |
| Sec. 33 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 34 | <i>from passage</i> | Repealer section |

Statement of Purpose:

To make certain revisions to elections related statutes.